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SUBJECT: WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) AD HOC COMMITTEE

REF: (A) STATE 077768 (B) STATE 049058

1. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL FROM OUR POSITION ON THE OUTSIDE
LOOKING IN, NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN AT LAST WEEK'S WORLD
DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) AD HOC COMMITTEE SESSION.
THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A FEW MORE REGRETS EXPRESSED THAN USUAL
AT US AND CHINESE ABSENCE, AND THERE WAS REPEATED STRESS BY
MANY MEMBERS ON THE NEED FOR THE COMMITTEE TO KEEP IN FRE-
QUENT TOUCH WITH THE US AND CHINA. CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA TOLD
MISOFF AFTER THE SESSION IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO THE NON-
ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IF THE US AND CHINA WOULD MAKE
THE DECISION TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE, IF
ONLY BY SENDING A SECRETARY TO TAKE NOTES. MISOFF REPLIED THAT
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WE WERE ADEQUATELY INFORMED ABOUT COMMITTEE'S WORK AND

SAW NO NEED TO BE REPRESENTED.

2. THE ISSUE OF THE WORKING GROUP'S MANDATE WAS SETTLED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GROUP WOULD NOT PROPOSE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR CONCLUSIONS TO THE COMMITTEE WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH THE FIVE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES. OUR VIEWS WERE NOT SOUGHT BEFORE THIS UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED; HOWEVER OUR INTERESTS APPEAR AMPLY SAFEGUARDED BY THIS PROCEDURE.

3. AUSTRIA DID NOT PRESS ITS PROPOSAL THAT THE COMMITTEE'S JULY SESSION BE HELD IN VIENNA; IT WILL THEREFORE BE HELD IN NEW YORK AS PLANNED.

4. THE WORKING GROUP WILL MEET IN EARLY JUNE AND EARLY JULY TO CONSIDER VIEWS SUBMITTED TO THE UN BY GOVERNMENTS ON THE OBJECTIVE OF A WDC AND TO PREPARE AN ANALYTICAL REPORT. ONLY A FEW GOVERNMENTS HAVE SENT VIEWS SO FAR. FACT THAT US IDEAS ABOUT A WDC HAVE NOT CHANGED AT ALL WAS COMMUNICATED ORALLY TO THE SECRETARIAT IN LATE MARCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL (B).

5. OUR COMMENTS ON INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A) WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.
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